

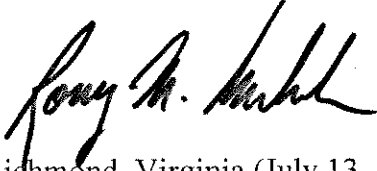
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August 1, 2007

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer
Council Administration

FROM: Councilmember Romy M. Cachola 

SUBJECT: NACo 2007 Annual Conference – Richmond, Virginia (July 13 – 17)
Travel Report

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More than 3,000 elected and appointed county officials from across the country participated in NACo's 72nd Annual Conference and Exposition from July 13 to 17 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia.

County officials had the opportunity to meet with other county officials to discuss new thoughts and plans for the future of local government. County officials also discussed and adopted official association policy on a wide variety of issues important to counties, including public safety and homeland security, housing, technology, healthcare, transportation, energy and environment, human services, economic development and public lands. In addition, association delegates elected executive committee officers, attended to association business and financial matters and provided county officials with a variety of opportunities to enhance leadership and public service skills.

I had the opportunity to meet with various company representatives in the exhibit hall and participated and discuss a variety of topics at many of the workshops and sessions. The following is a list of meetings, sessions and workshops in which I participated:

Pre-Conference Meetings

- Transportation Steering Committee (July 14) – Topics included the future of the Federal Surface Transportation Program, Status of Airport and Aviation Legislation,

Report of the Mass Transit-Railroad Subcommittee, and Status of the Intergovernmental Forum on Transportation Finance.

- NACo Community and Economic Development Steering Committee Meeting (July 14)

Conference General Sessions (July 15, 16 and 17)

Conference General Session conference speakers included Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and former Alaska Sen. Mike Gravel. Political commentator Tucker Carlson provided his insight on the 2008 Presidential Election, and Dr. Sylvia Earle, marine biologist and explorer-in-residence at National Geographic, spoke about her expeditions and the fragility of the oceans' ecosystem and what needs to be done to preserve this precious resource. Hollywood screenwriter Antwone Fisher was the featured speaker for the closing general session and gave a riveting talk about how he overcome life challenges, such as being born in prison and being raised in foster homes, to become a screenwriter.

Conference Workshops

- "How to Create Local Housing Trust Funds – A Dedicated Funding Source to House Your County's Workforce" (July 15) -
- Workshop "Economic Development, One Family at a Time: A Strategy for Rural Communities" (July 15) – The organization Connectinc talked about its expertise in using skilled counselors and computer/communications technologies to help rural county residents in North Carolina find and keep jobs, develop careers and build assets.
- Workshop "The Mission is Not Impossible – Counties and Military Bases Can Achieve Compatible Land Use" (July 15) – County officials and local military installations can work together to address the issues regarding growth of rural areas around military installations and ranges.
- Workshop "Managing Risk and Exposure Saves Money" (July 15) – County elected officials and private sector experts explore cost containment and cost recovery programs in employee relations, insurance recovery for environmental damage and energy and telecom efficiencies.
- Workshop "Renewable Energy Forecast: What Will Fuel Your County?" (July 16) – We explored how renewable energy can help reduce maintenance and lower operating costs of buildings, benefit the environment, help economic development and reduce dependence on foreign oil Counties currently using renewables in their in their own building and in their communities. Roger Berliner, Councilmember of

Montgomery County in Maryland spoke on mining our landfills to generate energy and selling that energy.

- Workshop "Purchasing and Procurement: Go Green, Save Green, See Green" (July 16) – Presenters shared how counties can "go green" and also save money. Presenters who are both suppliers of green products and services have also incorporated these techniques into their own bottom lines. We learned about programs such as the NACo Green Government Initiative and U.S. Communities.
- "Fueling Your Fleet: The Future of Alternative Fuels" (July 17) – This workshop presented the various types of alternative, renewable and future fuels that may be available to fuel automobiles and trucks, including those in the county fleet. We looked at the various options, such as biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel, hydrogen, electricity and liquid coal.
- "Procurement: A Strategic Participant in Government's Success" (July 17) – We heard how procurement operations can function as a driving force for achieving high value for taxpayers' money and eliminate contract mismanagement.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you need more information.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: August 27, 2007

Traveler: ROMEO CACHOLA

Event: 2007 NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

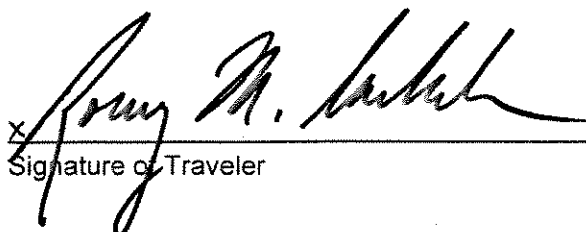
Location: RICHMOND, VA

Dates: From July 13, 2007

To July 17, 2007

Description	Amount	Notes
1. Registration Fee	<\$440.00>	Voucher #CCL144 (FY07)
2. Airfare	\$1,074.41	receipt attached
3. Hotel	\$785.35	Rate: No. of Billable Days:
4. Meals	\$221.82	receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$35.00	receipts attached
6. Tips	\$16.68	receipts attached
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,133.26	
		TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES: \$2,573.26

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:

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Signature of Traveler

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Date